

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

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**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY
FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND
PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 16407

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company, ("Matador") (OGRID No. 228937), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17, for an order (1) creating, if necessary, a 160-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation. In support of its application, Matador states:

1. An affiliate entity of Matador Production Company owns a working interest in the proposed spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Matador proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for its proposed **Brad Dyer Federal No. 205H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 35.
3. The completed interval for this well will remain within the standard offset required by the statewide rules set forth in 19.15.15 NMAC.
4. Matador has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all of the working interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

5. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

6. In order to permit Matador to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted mineral interests in this non-standard spacing unit should be pooled and Matador Production Company should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Matador requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on September 6, 2018, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Creating, if necessary, the proposed non-standard spacing and proration unit;
- B. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the non-standard spacing and proration unit;
- C. Designating Matador Production Company operator of this non-standard spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Matador Production Company to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the well;
- E. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- F. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by Matador in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE 16407:

Application of Matador Production Company for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order (1) creating, if necessary, a non-standard, 160-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying this acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed **Brad Dyer Federal No. 205H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 35. The completed interval for this well will remain within the standard offset required by the statewide rules. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Matador Production Company as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 34 miles southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.